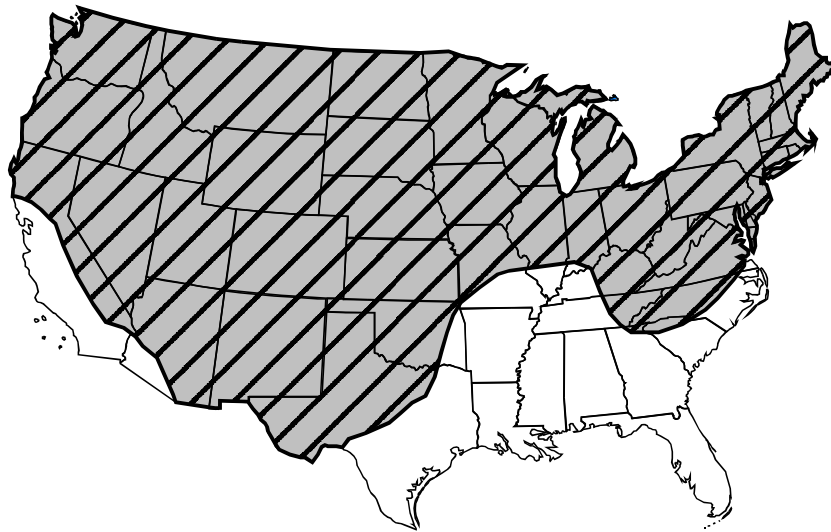


Gray Wolf Range in the Contiguous United States



Historical Range



Range at time of listing as endangered

Gray wolves once ranged over most of the lower 48 states. They were only absent from a portion of California, the southwest corner of Arizona and from the red wolf range in the southeastern United States. By the time gray wolves were listed as an endangered species, their breeding range had been reduced to a small corner of northeastern Minnesota and Isle Royale, Michigan. Individual wolves were periodically observed in the west, but there were no breeding packs. Recovery efforts have since restored the wolf to many areas of its historical range, including portions of the southwest, the Rocky Mountains and the western Great Lakes region.



Current range and Mexican wolf recovery area